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| App   | lication Num          | ber: 09/910,90                    | )<br>)                        | ) Examiner: ) Umez Eronini, Lynette |                         |  |  |
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| in addition, the below-identified communications are | submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding |
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| [x] Response to Office Action                        | [ ] Petition for Extension of Time ( month)                |
| (with Claim Amendments)                              | [ ] Terminal Disclaimer                                    |
| [ ] Substitute Specification                         | [ ] Letter to Draftsperson                                 |
| [ ] Preliminary Amendment                            | [ ] Assignment   |
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### **RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2003, the period of response to which is set to expire on August 9, 2003. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: